

# MAIL ROBBERY.

## Seven Pouches Stolen From the Post-Office and Hoboken.

### Supposed to Have Been Done on the Ferry-Boat Orange.

### No Clue to the Robbers or to the Stolen Bags.

### Letters for All Points Between Here and Buffalo Gone.

One of the biggest and most mysterious mail robberies that has happened recently in the jurisdiction of the New York Post-office came to light today.

It is known that seven pouches of United States mail were stolen, and it is presumed that the robbery took place on a Hoboken ferry-boat last night.

According to the authorities seven pouches of mail matter, consisting largely of letters, were loaded last night on two mail-carts. One of the wagons was No. 39, driven by J. J. O'Keefe. The name of the driver of the other wagon was David Walker.

The mail left the New York office at 7 p. m., and the boat started for Hoboken at 7.10. One pouch was for Hoboken and the other six for Buffalo and intermediate points.

When the mail vans reached Hoboken they were opened and it was found that the pouches had disappeared utterly.

The doors were locked as they left the New York office and there was no sign to show how they had been taken. The van showed no signs of having been tampered with.

Word was at once sent to the Post-office Department here and to the office of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway.

The inspectors worked all night, or the case, and they would not say this morning whether or not they had obtained any clue for fear of putting the robbers on their guard.

All that the inspectors profess to know is that the pouches were abstracted from the vans between the New York office and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station in Hoboken.

The fact that two vans were robbed makes the case all the more mysterious. It might be supposed that the drivers were in collusion with the robbers, but the fact of their being two drivers renders this supposition entirely untenable.

As the vans showed no damage, and as they were not tampered with, the supposition is that some one had skeleton key.

As to the value of the contents of the pouches, no estimate by the post-office authorities could be given. It was said that as the pouches contained nothing but letters the amount of money obtained would doubtless be quite large.

Driver Walker told that when he examined the pouches in his wagon he found six of those he had started with gone, and did not find the other one which he, first supposed by error to have been placed in his wagon.

He had started with ten pouches. The missing ones were for Buffalo and Emporium, Mount Morris, Elmira, Waverly, Seneca and Port Jervis, N. Y., and Seneca, Pa.

The catch-up on the backs of both wagons were found open and the locks gone. They had, it is supposed, been opened on the ferry-boat Orange while crossing the river.

Post-office inspectors Hartshorn, Morris and Schopp were sent out to make an investigation, but up to the present time have discovered nothing beyond the facts stated above.

Superintendent of Mails A. B. Macdonald this afternoon made an official statement of the robbery to Postmaster Van Cott.

He said that when wagon No. 39, driven by J. J. O'Keefe, which left the general post-office at 7 p. m., on the ferry-boat Orange for Hoboken, reached the Hoboken Post-office he discovered the catches on the back of the wagon open.

The mail-pouch for Hoboken was missing. A messenger was dispatched to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad depot, as it was at first supposed that the pouch had been placed by mistake in wagon No. 39, driven by David Walker. When Walker went to open the door of his wagon he found that it had been tampered with, too, and that it was likewise empty.

An alarm was at once sent out then that the pouches had been stolen. Walker's wagon contained six pouches destined for Buffalo, Emporium, Mount Morris, Elmira, Waverly and Seneca, Pa.

In the opinion of the Superintendent the pouches were apparently opened on the ferry-boat, and after the pouches were abstracted the thieves locked the doors, but they failed to close the catches to the tailboards.

The case was placed in the hands of the Post-office inspectors, and inspectors Hartshorn, Morris and Schopp were detailed to work it up.

Inspector Morris would not make any statement for publication.

He said he did not believe this robbery was the work of the men who recently stole the registered mail pouch while in transit from Elmira to this city.

# TO FUSE WITH THE LOTOS.

## The Fellowship Club Accepts the Invitation to Join Forces.

The members of the Fellowship Club met last evening at their rooms in East Twenty-ninth street, to consider the proposition to practically amalgamate with the Lotos Club.

The Lotos Club extended this invitation to the members of the Fellowship to be retained in its membership all those from the Fellowship who had been members of the board of governors of the latter club, the initiation fee being retained.

On the other hand, the name and fame of the Fellowship would be perpetuated in the monthly dinners, which would be given at the Lotos, and the latter would be assured that they would be securely a dining hall, which have made the Fellowship so famous throughout the country.

There was a large attendance at the meeting last night, and after a full discussion of the matter, under the club's rules, it was finally decided on a vote, with scarcely a dissenting voice, to accept the invitation of the Lotos Club.

The acceptance was afterwards made unanimous.

This action practically insures the fusion of the two clubs, which has been so long a desideratum, and which will be a great benefit to the city.

The Lotos is a large and comfortable house on Fifth avenue opposite the Windsor Hotel, which will be much more commodious and elegant than its present quarters.

The acceptance of the Fellowship Club at this time is regarded with special gratification by the members of the Lotos, and the general opinion is that the result will be the building up of an organization of more influence and power than either of the old clubs could have attained each standing by itself.

# STOCK REPORTS.

## Small Transactions and Lower Prices for Shares.

### An Onslaught on Distillery and Cattle-Feeding Stock.

### Burlington's Quarterly Dividend and New Bonds.

WALL STREET, Wednesday, Feb. 3.—Stock trading this morning was at a slow and steady pace, some shares declined under persistent hammering by room-traders, but the bears were unable to obtain control of others, which ruled quiet strong.

Among the weak stocks were Chicago Gas, Louisville & Nashville and New England, which fell off 1/4, 1/2, and 1/4 respectively.

A sharp drop was also made against Distillers. The stock sold down 1/4, to 51, and rallied to 52 1/2.

The strongest stocks were Western Union, Hooking Valley, Lake Shore, Northwest, St. Paul, Rock Island and Burlington & Quincy, which improved 1/4, 1/2, and 1/4 respectively.

The St. Paul company issued a remarkably favorable statement, it had little or no effect on prices.

The Company raised for the fourth week of January \$1,130,130, an increase of \$139,000. For the month the receipts were \$3,420,017, against \$3,146,195 in 1891. The mileage now is the same as then.

Operations were on a very small scale throughout the morning, and presented few noteworthy features. Lottville is still being sold on the low price of cotton.

It is deemed that the directors of the Western Union have formally agreed upon an advance in the rate of dividend. The meeting to act on that question will not be held for a month yet.

The gross earnings of the Rock Island road for January were \$1,292,444, an increase of \$100,000 over the same month last year.

The net earnings of the Ontario & Western road for December were \$55,074, an increase of \$1,711, the same month last year.

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# THE BOY FOUND.

## motive in both cases is alike—the extortion of a large sum of money from the father of the kidnapped child.

### Charles P. Waterbury is a well-to-do farmer who lives about two miles from the little hamlet of Long Ridge. He has two children, and little Ward is the elder.

"The boy, who is an unusually bright and intelligent child, Monday morning trudged off to school in the neighboring village. He took his skates and his lunchbox with him, as he did not usually return at the noon hour. Usually he came home from school at 4 o'clock, in the afternoon. Monday, however, when he did not make his appearance by 5 o'clock, his mother began to grow anxious. She feared that he might have met some mishap skidding on the little river near the road to the village.

Farmer Waterbury had gone to Stamford with a load of hay, and did not return home till 6 o'clock. When he arrived he found his wife in a state of great excitement over Ward's disappearance, and at once decided to start for the village to see what had become of the boy.

The father saw the teacher and several of the children of the school, and learned that Ward had not been seen at the school-house that day. The teacher, who was afraid his wife's suspicions of danger from a skating accident had been realized.

A searching party of thirty neighbors was organized, and at 7 o'clock in the evening they started from the house with lanterns. Between the farm-house and the school there is a church, and something prompted Mr. Ward and his party to search its premises.

In the morning the church was some horse subject, and each declared that in view of the new French tariffs his government would take measures to protect its commerce.

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# FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

## All the Gold Taken from the Elder—Cargo Being Lightered.

### Other Governments May Make a Tariff War on France.

### Paris, Feb. 3.—An interview was had today with Mr. Lard, Swiss Minister to France. He declared that his government would have the greatest difficulty in preventing Parliament inaugurating a tariff war with France.

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# ABANDONED AT SEA.

## Norwegian Ship Florida Deserted by a Mutinous Crew.

### Drifting, Derelict, About the Western Ocean.

### Seen Driving Before the Wind from the Runic's Decks.

The White Star freight steamer Florida, Capt. Joseph Thompson, which arrived this morning from Liverpool, reports that at 7 a. m., Jan. 29, in latitude 43.50 and longitude 12.40, she passed the derelict Norwegian ship Florida.

The vessel was drifting before a northwest wind, with water pouring overboard, and was on the starboard side and several sails drawing. A portion of the bulwarks was gone, but the yards, other spars and headgear appeared to be in good condition.

Capt. Thompson reports that the Florida is very dangerous to navigation, as she is drifting about at considerable speed and changing her course with